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SUBJECT: COPERNICUS ASTRONOMICAL CENTER

1. NSF HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT HOW
THEY ENVISAGE THE GENERAL SCHEDULE FOR THE VISIT OF DR.
ATKINSON AND HIS DELEGATION. ALTHOUGH DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS
CAN BE WORKED OUT NEXT WEEK, THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO TAKE
AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM THE SCIENCE MINISTRY AND PAN
AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TWO POINTS:

A. DR. ATKINSON'S VISIT IS ESSENTIALLY IN RESPONSE TO
SCIENCE MINISTER KALISKI'S INVITATION, ALTHOUGH THE TIMING
WAS ARRANGED SO THAT HE COULD ALSO ATTEND THE COPERNICUS
ASTRONOMICAL CENTER (CAC) OPENING CEREMONY. HE HAD ALREADY
ACCEPTED KALISKI'S INVITATION, BEFORE HIS ACCEPTANCE OF PAN
PRESIDENT NOWACKI'S INVITATION (STATE 118176) TO THE CAC
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CEREMONY. THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH THE POLES HAD SUGGESTED THAT
PAN MIGHT ACT AS PRIMARY HOST (PARA. 5, WARSAW 3813), DR.
ATKINSON AND HIS DELEGATION CONSIDER THAT THE SCIENCE
MINISTRY WILL ACT AS THEIR HOST FOR THE VISIT. ALSO, THE
NSF DELEGATION WILL PAY ALL COSTS FOR ITS STAY IN POLAND.

B. DR. WILLIAM HOWARD (DIRECTOR, NSF DIVISION OF

ASTRONOMICAL SCIENCES) WILL DISCUSS WITH THE POLES PLANS FOR FUTURE UTILIZATION OF THE CAC. DR. ATKINSON WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD BE QUITE AGREEABLE TO HEARING PAN EXPLAIN ITS FUTURE PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GREATLY EXPANDED RESEARCH COMPLEX. (FYI: HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR IN THIS CONNECTION THAT NSF HAS NO PLANS TO PROVIDE AND SUPPORT FUNDS FOR SUCH ENLARGED FACILITIES. END FYI.)

2. ON MONDAY, MAY 22, IT IS HOPED THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR DR. HOWARD, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY OFFICER, TO DISCUSS CAC PLANS WITH APPROPRIATE PAN OFFICIALS. DR. ATKINSON AND DR. AVERCH WILL ARRIVE THAT DAY, BUT APART FROM NECESSARY GREETING FORMALITIES AT THE AIRPORT WOULD LIKE TO REST AND THEY DO NOT WISH ANY MEETINGS OR SOCIAL EVENTS WITH THE POLES THAT DAY. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD WELCOME THE POSSIBILITY OF A CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR.

3. ON TUESDAY, MAY 23, DR. ATKINSON AND HIS DELEGATION WOULD EXPECT TO SPEND THE DAY AS GUESTS OF MINISTER KALISKI, TO CARRY FORWARD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT POSSIBILITIES OF FUTURE NSF COOPERATION WITH THE SCIENCE MINISTRY. DR. ATKINSON WOULD OF COURSE ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR A COURTESY CALL SOMETIME THAT DAY ON PAN PRESIDENT NOWACKI, UNLESS NOWACKI WOULD PREFER TO SCHEDULE SUCH A CALL EARLY THE NEXT DAY.

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4. IT IS EXPECTED THAT MOST OF WEDNESDAY WOULD BE DEVOTED TO THE CAC CEREMONY AND ANY ASSOCIATED SOCIAL EVENTS, WITH PERHAPS SOME SIGHTSEEING ARRANGEMENTS IF TIME PERMITS.

5. ON THURSDAY, CORPUS CHRISTI DAY, DR. ATKINSON WOULD BE INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS BY THE EMBASSY TO VISIT NEARBY CULTURAL SITES. DR. ATKINSON AND OTHERS EXCEPT HOWARD (WHO WILL VISIT KRAKOW) WILL LEAVE ON FRIDAY.

6. RESERVATIONS FOR THE GROUP HAVE BEEN MADE AT HOTEL VICTORIA, BUT NSF REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY CONFIRM.

7. SCICOUNS WILL PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS UPON RETURN TO WARSAW MAY 14. VANCE

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